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OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On July 12, 2005, at approximately 10:15pm, San Antonio Police Officers Michael Grogan, an 11 year veteran, and Hector Mendez, a 10-year veteran, responded to 6023 IH 10W for a disturbance with a gun call. Officer Grogan was the first officer to arrive at the scene and contacted two females. The older female, who was later identified as being the younger female's mother, told Officer Grogan that her daughter was being held against her will by a man. The mother continued to tell Officer Grogan that the man had held her daughter for more than several weeks. The male suspect was in the motel parking lot and not with the females as the story was being relayed to Officer Grogan. After getting the preliminary information, Officer Grogan attempted to contact the suspect. As Officer Grogan approached the suspect, the suspect began to run from the officer. Officer Grogan was able to catch up to the suspect in the Bill Miller's BBQ parking lot, at which point a struggle ensued between the suspect and Officer Grogan. Officer Mendez had arrived at the scene, but didn't know which direction Officer Grogan ran. As the struggle continued between Officer Grogan and the suspect, the suspect presented a handgun and was in the process of attempting to shoot the officer when Officer Grogan was able to fire his own service weapon, striking the suspect several times in the head and right hand. After being shot, the suspect went down and was no longer a threat to the officer. E.M.S., who happened to be stationed directly across the street from the shooting, arrived within seconds of the shooting and pronounced the suspect dead at the scene. Recovered at the scene was the handgun the suspect attempted to use against the officer. The handgun was damaged when Officer Grogan was able to shoot the suspect in his right hand, subsequently striking the suspect's handgun. The female victim, and mother, did not require any medical attention at the scene and were transported to SAPD headquarters for a statement. The suspect's identity will be withheld pending the formal identification process and the notification to next of kin.

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief Albert A. Ortiz and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, Officer Grogan will be placed on administrative duty while the investigation continues.

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